

MAY 22, 2000 – REGULAR MEETING

The Walton County Board of County Commissioners held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, May 22, 2000 at 8:30 A.M. in the Board Room of the Walton County Courthouse.

The following Board members were present: Vice-Chairman Randall Infinger, Commissioner Joel Paul, Jr., and Commissioner Herman Walker. Ms. Shirl Williams, Administrative Supervisor, Attorney George R. Miller, Staff Attorney Jonathan Walker, and Mr. Dan Bodiford, Clerk of Courts, were also present. Chairman Van Ness R. Butler Jr., and Commissioner Gene Ryan arrived later in the meeting.

Vice-Chairman Infinger called the meeting to order followed by pledging allegiance to the American Flag and the invocation by Commissioner Paul.

Mrs. Suedelle Wilkerson, Finance Director, presented the Expenditure Approval List consisting of the following bills for payment:

General Fund	\$ 267,121.32
County Transportation Trust	239,740.28
N.W. Mosquito Control	1,988.34
Mosquito Control State	1,701.40
Library	7,301.51
Recreation Plat Fee	139.90
Solid Waste Enterprise	222,784.83
Mossy Head VFD	1,122.26
Glendale VFD	84.42
Darlington VFD	513.40
Liberty VFD	28,060.07
Red Bay VFD	35.66
Driftwood Debt Service	7,110.35
Tourist Development Council	325,953.71
Section 8 Housing	814.81
Multi Purpose Trust Fund	33,432.71

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Paul to approve the EAL as presented. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Infinger Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mrs. Wilkerson presented a letter on behalf of Mrs. Sandra Adkison who requested payment of medical bills for Jack Adkison Jr. for a previous worker's compensation injury.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Walker, to approve payment of medical bills for Mr. Jack Adkison Jr. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Infinger Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Commissioner Ryan arrived.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Walker to award the low quote and purchase cabinets for EMS from Global Computer Supplies in the amount of \$1,124.75. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Haynes presented a request to purchase mailboxes for EMS in the amount of \$1,140.00. After further discussion, the Board tabled this request and directed Mr. Haynes to research the use of the mailboxes further and report back to the Board.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Paul to approve the purchase of a copy machine in the amount of \$1,595.00 from Florida Microfilm for Courthouse Maintenance. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye. The low quote did not meet the needs of the department.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Ryan to award the low quote and purchase signs and tape for the Landfill from Municipal Supply and Sign Company in the amount of \$5,156.50. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Commissioner Butler arrived.

Mr. Haynes presented a letter from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) advising that the contamination at the old District 2 yard must be cleaned up. Discussion was held regarding the amount of property to be cleaned and the costs for clean up. DEP advised that State funding is available to assist the County.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve the clean up of the old District 2 site pending a positive recommendation from Attorney Miller. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Alex Alford, MIS Director, advised the Commissioners of some changes that need to be made to the computer inventory billing system. Mr. Alford stated that in order to make the changes to begin work on the computer system an "Asset Account" should be established for the "on-hand" inventory for accounting purposes. Mr. Alford stated that any purchases will then show up as an asset and not an expense. Mr. Alford advised that a budget amendment needs to be approved allowing Ms. Ingle to transfer the accumulated amount (current dollar value of inventory) from the Purchasing expense account to the inventory Asset account. An end-of-the-month inventory will be conducted in order to arrive at the correct dollar amount.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger to authorize Ms. Ingle to prepare the budget amendment necessary to establish the Asset account. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye. Discussion was held regarding establishing a limit on the inventory level. No limit was set at this time.

Mr. Haynes presented the following information for bid #00-027, new 4 X 4 pick-up truck:

Preston Hood Chevrolet, Inc.	\$23,288.33
Orville Beckford Ford	22,197.00

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Ryan to award bid # 00-027 to Orville Beckford Ford in the amount of \$22,197.00, low quote, for the purchase of a 4 X 4 pick-up truck. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Haynes presented the following information for bid #00-028, Compact pick-up truck.

Preston Hood Chevrolet, Inc.	No bid
Orville Beckford Ford	\$15,493.00

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul to award bid #00-028 to Orville Beckford Ford in the amount of \$15,493.00 for the purchase of a compact pick-up truck. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye. (State contract price)

Mr. Haynes presented the following information for bid #00-029, New Super Duty Truck:

Preston Hood Chevrolet, Inc.	No bid
Orville Beckford Ford	\$39,672.00

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul to award bid #00-029 to Orville Beckford Ford in the amount of \$39,672.00. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye. (State contract price)

Mr. Haynes presented the following information for bid #00-030, Line Eraser for the Paint Crew:

Florida Transcor	\$5,695.00
SASE	5,740.00 with 2 exceptions
“	1,895.00 Alternate

(SASE submitted an incomplete package)

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Infinger, to award bid #00-030 to Florida Transcor in the amount of \$5,695.00 for the purchase of a Line Eraser, based upon Mr. Haynes recommendation. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Haynes presented the following information for bid #00-031, Fuel System for Central Purchasing:

MDM Services	No bid
Crestview Pump & Tank	\$63,169.63
Pipeline Energy	52,450.00
Fueling Components	52,635.85
Wiregrass Petroleum	47,222.50
Mike Hoffman's Equip. Services	49,121.27
Ten Hoeve Bros. Inc.	64,250.00
Meco	49,547.48

After contacting four of the companies who bid on the project, Mr. Haynes recommended awarding the bid to Meco in the amount of \$49,547.48.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Infinger to accept Mr. Haynes' recommendation and award bid #00-031 to Meco in the amount of \$49,547.48. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Haynes presented the following quotes for water well capping and advised that the wells are located on river buy-out properties. Ms. Angie Biddle, Grants Coordinator, also recommended awarding the bid to Sam Martin, low bidder.

Jamie Conner	\$18,680.00
Sam Martin	7,800.00
Everette B. Leavins Sr.	547.00 each for 2” wells 747.00 each for 4” wells

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan, to award the low quote to Sam Martin Well Drilling in the amount of \$7,800.00 for capping of wells on the river buy-out properties. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

The following bids for paving projects at EMS and Fire Department at Freeport, Crest Drive and Freeport Truss were presented for bid #00-032.

Edwards Paving Company	\$73,827.60
Bullard Excavating, Inc.	28,750.00
Granger Asphalt Paving Inc.	51,867.49
Gum Creek Farms, Inc.	33,557.00
Triangle Construction Road Bldg Inc.	No Bid

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Infinger to award bid #00-032 to the low bidder, Bullard Excavating, Inc., in the amount of \$28,750.00. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

The following information was presented for bid #00-033, paving for South Walton EMS, Phillips Drive.

Bullard Excavating, Inc.	\$85,000.00
Granger Asphalt	141,545.90
Gum Creek Farms, Inc.	91,369.00
Triangle Construction Road Bldg	No Bid

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan to award bid #00-033 to the low bidder, Bullard Excavating, in the amount of \$85,000.00. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

The following information was presented for bid #00-034, paving of Gene Hurley Drive, Parking lot on 7th and Sloss Ave., and Central Purchasing.

Bullard Excavating, Inc.	\$111,000.00
Granger Asphalt Paving, Inc.	235,140.20
Gum Creek Farms	114,899.50
Triangle Construction	No Bid

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Infinger to award bid #00-034 to the low bidder, Bullard Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$111,000.00. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye. Mr. Bell informed the Board that the paving of Gene Hurley Drive will include the last 1/10-mile to completely pave the road and the City of DeFuniak Springs will pay one-half the cost on their portion of roadway.

Mr. Haynes advised the Commissioners that Walton County Vo-Tech School has no interest in the surplus equipment and the Children's Advocacy Center requested three items.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve to transfer the three requested items to the Children's Advocacy Center and authorized the remaining equipment to be scraped. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

The Commissioners recessed briefly.

Commissioner Paul requested the Board consider donating an air conditioning unit from Cedar Log Lake river buy-out to the Pleasant Valley Church.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Ryan to donate an A/C unit from the river buy-out to the Pleasant Valley Church Voting Precinct. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Commissioner Paul questioned the possibility of upgrading the advertisement for District 1/5 Secretary to an Administrative Assistant due to the workload. After further discussion, the Board directed Ms. Williams to proceed with hiring a Secretary for the position.

Commissioner Walker stated that his item for discussion would be postponed until a later date.

Commissioner Infinger presented the Commissioners with an update on the awards ceremonies for the Recycling Grant Programs and reported that he assisted in giving out the promotional items provided by the Landfill.

Commissioner Ryan applauded the Walton County Emergency Medical Service employees who responded to the tragic accident that happened this past week and commended them on their professionalism. He also commended Liberty Volunteer Fire Department as First Responders and stated that the money the County has spent assisting them in purchasing the necessary equipment is worth every cent in order for them to be able to perform in cases like this.

Commissioner Butler presented the minutes of May 9, 2000, Regular Meeting and May 17, 2000, Special Meeting, for approval.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Infinger to approve the minutes as presented. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Commissioner Paul and Mr. Bodiford left the meeting to report to jury duty.

Mr. Ronnie Bell, Public Works Director, presented an update from the Infrastructure Committee regarding the possibility of constructing a work camp in lieu of a new jail facility.

Mr. Bell introduced Mr. Mark Nehouse of Baskerville Donovan Engineering, Inc., who made a brief presentation on a new bridge technique called laminated bridges. Mr. Nehouse stated that all roads are eligible for grant requests, which pay approximately 60%, but an application must be submitted to the Department of Transportation by June. There are three possible bridges in Walton County that could be replaced, two on McKinnon Bridge Road and Turkey Creek Bridge. Mr. Nehouse requested the Board write a letter of support and stated that they are willing to provide for the elements the grant will not cover such as the foundation and pier. Mr. Bell recommended proceeding with the application and identifying the one bridge the Commissioners would like to use as a test. The Board directed Mr. Bell to work with Mr. Nehouse and report back to the Board in June.

Mr. Bell presented a request by Mr. Ricky Rookis of Gulf Place, regarding the establishment of two trolley stops on county right-of-way, adjacent to Gulf Place. Mr. Bell stated that Gulf Place would incur the cost to pave and stripe the portion necessary for the Trolley stops. Discuss followed regarding the parking problems at Ed Walline Park and people parking in the current trolley stop locations.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan to allow Attorney Miller to draft an agreement and proceed with providing two trolley stops located near Gulf Place. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye.

Mr. Bell presented a request on behalf of Wayne Adkinson of North Florida Consulting, Inc., regarding the County's assistance in paving Goodwin Creek Road, adjacent to West Bay Loop Road. Mr. Bell advised that they are requesting the County prepare the base and they will assist in paying for the paving of three tenths of a mile.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Infinger to approve for Attorney Miller to draft an agreement with the owners and developers and present back to the Board for final approval. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye.

Mr. Bell presented information regarding the timber company's property located adjacent to the Landfill. Mr. Bell stated that the County offered the appraised value of \$900.00 per acre with timber and they are now requesting \$1,225.00 per acre and retain the timber rights. Mr. Bell was not in favor. Attorney Miller advised that the asking price is over the 5% allowable purchase cost.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan to deny the purchase of 240 acres adjacent to the Landfill from the Timber Company at the present time. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye.

Mr. Bell advised that a balance of \$23,177.00 remain in the Boating Improvement Fund and requested authorization to utilize the funds to make needed repairs to the boat ramp at Dead River Landing and River Road Landing.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve for Mr. Bell to use necessary funds from the Boating Improvement Funds to repair the two

designated boat landings. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye.

Mr. Bell presented a petition from local citizens requesting the Board's assistance for the State to place a traffic light at the intersection of Walton Road and State Road 83.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan, to adopt a resolution (2000-32) requesting the Department of Transportation perform a traffic study at Walton Road and State Road 83. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Infinger to approve one-time emergency repairs on Grande Avenue, District 5, to allow access for emergency vehicles. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve payment to C.W. Roberts in the amount of \$16,570.00 for work on CR 30A. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve Mr. Bell's recommendation and purchase 100 drums of Base Seal and 50 drums of Top Shield in the amount of \$76,994.00. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye.

Attorney Miller addressed the Commissioners and advised that he had met with Mr. Ben Holley, Attorney, regarding infrastructure for the Jr. College in the Governmental/Education Center. Mr. Holley questioned the College's ability to meet their share of costs. Mr. Miller voiced concerns with the County funding the college's portion and the possibility of the County not being reimbursed.

Mr. Miller questioned Mr. Bell regarding the consent order for Eastern Lake. Mr. Bell stated that the contractor is in place and ready to begin. Mr. Bell advised that concerns have been voiced as to where the spoil will be placed and deadlines are quickly passing.

The Commissioners recessed briefly.

Mr. Tommy Ervin, Park Manager for Topsail Hill, appeared before the Commissioners to obtain an update on the easement. Mr. Miller presented the proposed resolution requesting the State to grant an easement from the Southern boundary of the Nobel House to the Gulf of Mexico. The Noble House will deed to the County approximately two acres to be used as public parking. Mr. Miller reminded the Board of a lawsuit brought by the developers of the Noble House against the State seeking an easement by prescription, which he filed a motion to intervene, pending adoption of the resolution. Mr. Miller advised that the access would benefit the park. Chairman Butler gave an overview of his involvement and concerns with the development of the park. Mr. Miller stated that the next step after adopting the resolution would be to present it to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund. Commissioner Infinger requested to defer this issue for approval until later today. The Board agreed.

Mr. Ken Little, Assistant Administrative Supervisor, appeared before the Board and presented the following items for the Human Resource Department.

Mr. Little requested to hire Ms. Laura Pelfrey as Code Enforcement Officer at \$9.00 per hour.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan, to approve hiring of Ms. Laura Pelfrey as Code Enforcement Officer with a starting wage of \$9.00 per hour. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve David Henderson as the alternate if Ms. Pelfrey declines. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve to hire five (5) part-time Library Clerks; Ms. Beth Talley; Ms. Lisa Bell; Ms. Charlotte Lindsey; and Ms. Linda Howes at \$5.90 per hour and Ms. Sarah Williams at \$6.70 per hour due to her current employment at the library. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan to promote Lynn Banks, District 4 Laborer, to Equipment Operator I and raise to \$7.30 per hour based on prior service. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve the position description for Recreation Director as presented by Mr. Little. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve to hire Mr. Dudley Scott as part-time Paramedic at \$8.80 per hour. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve travel expenses for Mr. Matt Douglass, EMS Director, to attend the State EMS Advisory

Council in Orlando, June 12-13, 2000 at a cost of \$560.00. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye. Mr. Douglas will drive his personal vehicle.

Mr. Little presented a letter from DCA advising of a \$72,000.00 grant that Walton County has participated in for the past eight years and requested the Board appoint the Sheriff as the Coordinator.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve to proceed with pursuing the grant and designate Sheriff Quinn McMillian as the Coordinator. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye.

Mr. Little presented Staff recommendations regarding the Scenic 98 Sign Revision as proposed by Sue Murphy at an earlier meeting. Mr. Little stated that staff has recommended not making the requested changes at the present time except to allow internal illuminated signs only. Mr. Little stated that he would like the opportunity to make revisions to the 30A Standards and present both issues back to the Board at one time.

Commissioner Ryan voiced concerns regarding the changes and feels that he cannot support staff in changing the 98 Signage Regulations due to safety issues and legal considerations that have already been given.

Mr. Little introduced Mr. George Russell, Institute for Sr. Professionals (ISP), regarding the developing of a set of guidelines or policy and procedures for the County.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan to allow ISP to proceed with drafting a set of policies as outlined by the County. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye.

The Commissioners recessed for lunch.

The Board reconvened at 1:30 P.M.

Chairman Butler called to order the advertised public hearing regarding the Bruner Water System Franchise.

Mr. Grainger Bruner, Owner, and Mr. Mike Standley, DeFuniak Springs City Manager, were both present. Discussion was held regarding the use of the wellheads, the cost currently being charged and future charges for water versus the service that will be provided by the changes that could occur. Mr. Standley advised that the City does not require mandatory hook-up for water service and also stated that the City will upgrade the system and will also be adding fire hydrants. Mr. Standley informed the Board that the City will tie the Bruner wells into the City's wells and will then be abandoned. The Commissioners discussed adding a stipulated amendment to the agreement to state that the City will add three (3) fire hydrants. No one from the audience spoke in reference to the Bruner Franchise.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul to approve transfer of the Bruner Water Franchise to the City of DeFuniak Springs with the stipulation of adding three fire hydrants where the wellheads are currently located. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye. Attorney Miller will draft the agreement.

Attorney Mary Kramer and Mr. Doug Chism, Chairman of the Tourist Development Council, appeared before the Board regarding reorganization and requested to hire a consultant to perform a study and make recommendations at a cost of \$4,500.00.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Ryan, to approve to hire a consultant at a cost of \$4,500.00 to perform an organizational study on behalf of the TDC. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Staff Attorney Jonathan Walker appeared before the Board and presented a proposed Education Retainment Agreement for employee education paid by the County. Attorney Walker advised that he communicated this issue with Dr. Marlowe, Analytica.

Discussion was held regarding the number of years to remain a County employee for the amount of money invested in education. Commissioner Ryan requested not to include employees who receive training who are gaining knowledge to enhance the operations of the County. Attorney Walker stated that he would revise the agreement and present it back to the Board at a later date.

Attorney Walker presented a proposed Parasail Ordinance for consideration and requested the Board hold a public hearing. Mr. Mike Meyer, South Walton resident, addressed the Board in favor of the Parasail Ordinance for the health and welfare of all the people on the beaches.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan to hold the first of two public hearings on June 13, 2000 at 6:45 P.M. to discuss the Parasail Ordinance. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Ms. Martha Ingle, Budget Officer, appeared before the Commissioners and requested approval for budget amendment #6 for 2000/2001. (see attached)

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger to adopt resolution (2000-30) granting approval of budget amendment #6. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Mike Meyer appeared before the Board requesting approval for a vehicle beach permit variance and a special events permit.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger to grant Mr. Mike Meyer a vehicle beach permit variance for beach clean-up purposes, and a special events permit. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Russ Aldrich appeared before the Commissioners and presented a final plat request for Raven Wood Subdivision. Attorney Miller advised that the plat is in order.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Infinger to approve Raven Wood Subdivision final plat for recording. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul to approve Magnolia Bay at Sandestin Phase I, final plat for recording. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul, to approve Ponce de Leon Estates final plat for recording subject to receiving proper signatures from the Planning Department. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Attorney Miller requested a designated time on the agenda, June 13 Commissioners meeting, for the Developer of Nobel House regarding the easement.

Mr. Miller advised that he received a request from D/H Oil for the County's consent to borrow an additional \$1 million from Vanguard Bank for construction of a motel. The existing balance is \$816,000.00. Mr. Miller advised that this is a tax free issue and has concerns with the meaning of the statute being stretched outside the limitations. Mr. Miller requested to be allowed to continue his research into the matter followed with a formal response to the attorney for Redi Bank. Discussion followed regarding the amount of revenues brought into the County from the truck stop. Mr. Miller will report back to the Board

Attorney Miller presented a request from Mr. Johnny Earls, Criola's Restaurant, petitioning the Board for a variance from the Noise Ordinance for Friday through Sunday of the Memorial Day weekend.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul to approve a variance request for all of Grayton Beach extending the hours of the noise ordinance during the three-day Memorial Day weekend as in the past. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Attorney Miller stated that he is still working on the proposed county wide noise ordinance and will present it at a later date.

Mike and Shari Judkins scheduled on the agenda were unable to attend the meeting. Ms. Williams advised that they are requesting the Board hold a public hearing to consider amending the Directory Sign Ordinance to allow them a sign for their business. Ms. Williams advised that Holiday Road and others in the area should have been included.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger, to hold a public hearing on June 27, 2000 at 1:30 P.M. to consider amending the Directory Sign Ordinance. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Ms. Michelle Lach, Students Working Against Tobacco (S.W.A.T.), explained her program to the Board and requested assistance from the County allowing her to utilize the 4-H van during their summer program to pick kids up in the rural areas of Walton County. Discussion was held regarding insurance coverage and designated drivers. Attorney Miller stated that a tri-party agreement between Walton County, S.W.A.T., and 4-H could be drafted allowing them use of the van and they can be added as county employees to insure insurance coverage.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Walker, to authorize Attorney Miller to draft an agreement and allow Ms. Lach to sign the contract for use of the van. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Freddy Baker, Council on Aging, appeared before the Board requesting a long-term lease for use of the old hospital as an assisted living facility. Mr. Baker stated that he would like to pursue financing from the State and wants commitment from the County.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Paul to adopt a resolution (2000-31) of support approving a 20-year lease in the amount of \$1.00 per year for use of the old hospital on College Avenue as an assisted living facility. A reverter clause will stipulate that the building will return to the County if Council On Aging does

not proceed within two years. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul to approve use of the lobby at the old hospital by Council On Aging as a daycare for Alzheimer's patients. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Ms. June Logan presented Olde Florida Lakes Phase II final plat for approval. After reviewing the plat, Mr. Miller voiced concerns with the entrance road and requested that Latilda bring Phase I for review before approving.

Ms. Williams presented a request by Wayne Miller, School District, for assistance with base preparation to the track at the high school at a cost of \$4,900.00. Discussion was held regarding the amount of work the Commissioners have given the School District. The Board agreed to assist the School District, however, this project is not to be given priority over any current County projects.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve to assist Walton County School District based on Mr. Miller and Mr. Bell's recommendation after further clarification from the School Board. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Ms. Williams presented a cost savings proposal by Greg Brack, Alltel Communications, Inc., on long-distance phone services, which could result in savings of \$100.00 per month. Ms. Williams advised that any change would not affect the Centrex lines. The Board agreed to direct Ms. Williams to instruct the Purchasing Department to offer this opportunity to other providers and report back to the Board.

Ms. Williams presented a proposal from Alltel to change the County's cellular company from Southern Linc to Alltel showing a possible savings of 50% of the current charges. Ms. Williams recommended instructing the Attorney Walker to meet with Southern Linc to determine what the consequences of disconnecting our phone service would be as it relates to our radios. The Board agreed and tabled this issue until a later date.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul to authorize Staff Attorney Walker as an authorized signature on the County's credit card. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mrs. Latilda Henniger presented Olde Florida Lakes Phase I for Mr. Miller's review. After review, Mr. Miller approved the plat.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger to approve Olde Florida Lakes final plat for recording. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Paul to approve to hire a secretary on contract labor at \$7.00 per hour beginning June 12 to assist the staff attorney during Ken Little's leave of absence. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

The Board agreed to hold a Special Workshop on June 26, 2000 at 9:00 a.m. to discuss this issue of accepting private roads for maintenance.

Ms. Williams informed the Commissioners that Mr. William Imfeld accepted the position of CPA and will begin work on July 3, 2000.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan to allow Attorney Walker to subscribe to Westlaw at \$185.00 per month. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Ms. Williams requested approval to obtain an updated appraisal on the Mossy Head and Wilma Tract properties as required.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve to obtain an updated appraisal on both properties at a cost of \$3,000.00. Ayes 3, Nays 2. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Naye, Paul Naye. The Commissioners felt uncomfortable with the cost of the update since the same company is performing the appraisal and should already have the information.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger to authorize Attorney Miller to begin the necessary process to obtain financing for the rail spur at the Mossy Head property location. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Ms. Williams presented a letter from the Conservation Real Estate Group regarding the Mossy Head Exchange. Mr. McFarland advised that some timber clearing inadvertently took place on the Wilma Tract as part of St. Joe's thinning operations. He advised that a new timber cruise is needed at a cost of \$5,200 - \$5,400.00 and St. Joe has been requested to reimburse Walton County for the cost.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger, to approve to conduct a new timber cruise as stated. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve travel for two employees to attend the Recycling Grant Workshop in Tampa on June 5, 2000. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Ms. Williams presented a request from the City of DeFuniak Springs for the interest on their portion of the Solid Waste Surtax while held by the County.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Infinger to deny a request by the City of DeFuniak Springs for the interest on the Solid Waste Surtax. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Ms. Williams presented a letter from Government Services Group, Inc., regarding the fire assessment (MSBU) for the volunteer fire departments and the proposed scope of services, fees, deliverables and payment schedule for FY 2000/01.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve to continue the contract with GSG to assist with the fire assessment program at a cost of \$12,500.00. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Phil Givens, Walton County Fire Board Chairman, appeared before the Board and presented an update on the number of fire calls.

There being no further business, Commissioner Paul motioned to adjourn, second by Commissioner Infinger. Meeting adjourned at 4:15 P.M.

APPROVED: _____
Van Ness R. Butler, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Dan Bodiford, Clerk

